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IN THE TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

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MAURICE PIPER,
Petitioner-Appellant,

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
Respondent-Appellee.

From the Fifth Court of Appeals,
Cause No. 05-16-01321-CR

Appeal from the 283RD Judicial District Court of Dallas County,
Cause No. F15-75812-T

**APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE PETITION FOR DISCRETIONARY REVIEW**

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Comes now Maurice Piper, Appellant, and moves this Court to issue an extension of time to file his Petition for Discretionary Review. In support thereof, Appellant would show this Court as follows:

I.

In Dallas County case number F15-75812-T, Appellant was charged with murder. Appellant pleaded not guilty, but was found guilty of the lesser-included offense of manslaughter and sentenced to 18.5 years' imprisonment.

II.

Appellant appealed to the Fifth Court of Appeals in Dallas, but on June 15, 2018, the court affirmed the trial court's judgment. *Piper v. State*, 05-16-01321-CR, 2018 WL 3014578 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2018).

III.

Appellant's Petition for Discretionary Review is currently due in this Court by July 15, 2018. Counsel requests an additional 30 days, until August 14, 2018, to file the petition.

IV.

The reason for this request is that during the last few weeks counsel has been preparing: 1) a petition for discretionary review in *Michael Kevin Adams v. State*, cause no. PD-0637-18, in this Court; 2) a direct-appeal brief in *Zachary Rico v. State*, cause no. 05-17-01462-CR, in the Fifth Court of Appeals; 3) a petition for discretionary review in *Jacob Britt v. State*, cause no. PD-0638-18, in this Court; 4) a

direct-appeal brief in *Manuel Rocha, Jr. v. State*, cause no. 05-18-00161-CR, in the Fifth Court of Appeals; 5) a motion for a certificate of appealability in *Vernon Lee Travis v. Lorie Davis*, cause no. 18-50405, in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals; 6) and a motion for a certificate of appealability in *Faryion Wardrip v. Lorie Davis*, cause no. 18-70016, in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Because of these other obligations, counsel for Appellant is unable to submit the briefing to this Court by July 15, 2018.

V.

Wherefore, premises considered, Appellant requests this Court grant an extension of time to file his petition until August 14, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 11, 2018, a true and correct copy of the above motion was electronically served to the Dallas County District Attorney's Office and the State Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

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